

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 668

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend John Mathis
of Humboldt.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend John Mathis, the beloved pastor of Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mathis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with wisdom and compassion for forty-six years as the Pastor of Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church, in which position he earned the love and admiration of his congregation for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to giving so much of his life as a dedicated church leader, Reverend Mathis also nobly served the United States, rendering sterling service to the United States military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lane College and a former educator, John Mathis mentored countless pastors across West Tennessee and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mathis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, First Lady Ola Mae Mathis, and was the proud father of one daughter, Giovanni Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mathis will be sorely missed by his grandson, Andrew Gale Bonds, and his great-grandson, Gianni Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John Mathis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, he was truly a man of God and a pillar upon which his congregation and the greater Gibson County relied; the effects of his unparalleled life will be felt for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reverend John Mathis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Reverend Mathis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.